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AGENDA

A. Call to Order of the 646th Regular Arizona Racing Commission Meeting of September 8, 2016 at 10:01 AM

Commissioners Present:

Chair Rory Goreé

Commissioner Tom Lawless

Commissioner David Heiple

Also present:

Rudy Casillas, Racing Division Director

Deanie Reh, Assistant Attorney General

Greg Stiles, Division of Racing

Cassie Goodwin, Commission Secretary

B. New Business

The following New Business items are for a status report, presentation, discussion, and possible action for the Commission

1. Central Arizona Fair Association, aka Pinal County Fair, Request for Live 2017 Race Dates

Commissioner Lawless moved to approve Central County Fair Association's Request for live race dates of February 4, 11, 12 and 18, 2017. Commissioner Heiple second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple)

2. LaPaz County Fair Association Request to Amend Approved Race Dates

This item was tabled.

3. TP Racing, L.L.L.P. Request to Amend FY 2017 Live Race Days to Dark Day Simulcast

Commissioner Heiple asked for clarification of statutes requiring specific number of race days in the contract that Turf was required to run.

Vincent Francia, General Manager of Turf, replied it is by agreement with the horsemen.

Commissioner Heiple moved to approve TP Racing, L.L.L.P.'s request to amend FY 2017 live race days to dark day simulcast as follows:

Live Race Dates to Dark Day Simulcasts:

October, 2016: 18, 25

November, 2016: 1

April, 2017: 5, 12, 19, 25, 26

May, 2017: 2

Dark Day Simulcast to Live Race Day:

May, 2017: 7

Commissioner Lawless second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple)

C. Information Reports

1. Turf Paradise Track Safety Report – **Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.**
2. Tucson Greyhound Park Update – **No report.**
3. Permittee Reports – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. American Greyhound Racing – **No report.**
 - b. County Fairs – **No report.**
 - c. Rillito – **Greg Stiles advised Mr. Wells is submitting dates for the 2017 meet which will be on the October agenda.**
 - d. Tucson Greyhound Park – **No report.**
 - e. Turf Paradise – **Vincent Francia, General Manager, addressed the Commission.**
4. Optional Industry Stakeholder Association Updates (limited to officers or officially designated spokesman) – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. Arizona Greyhound Association – No report.
 - b. Arizona Quarter Racing Association – **No report.**
 - c. Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association – **Debbie Zimmerman addressed the Commission.**
 - d. Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association – **Lloyd Yother, President, addressed the Commission.**
 - e. Jockey's Guild – **No report.**
 - f. Arizona Counties Racing Association – **No report.**

D. Commission Reports

1. Summary of Current Events Affecting the Arizona Racing Commission. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K) – Only Commission Members or the Director may report. No discussion or action may be taken on matters reported unless properly noticed for legal action or discussion.

Chair Goreé acknowledged the passing of Tom Metzen and expressed the Commissions' condolences to the family.

Director Casillas thanked Jerry Simms and Vincent Francia for preparing for the upcoming race meet at Turf.

Director Casillas also introduced Assistant Attorney General Deanie Reh, who will work with the Racing Division and Commission.

2. Identification of Matters to be placed on future agendas.

- a. **La Paz County Fair Association Request to Amend Approved Race Dates**
- b. **Rillito Park Foundation 2017 Race Dates**

E. Call to the Public

Those members of the public wishing to address the Commission must sign the signup sheet and be recognized by the Chair. Time permitting; each presentation will be given approximately two minutes. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or re-schedule the matter for further consideration at a later date.

No one addressed the Commission on the Call to the Public.

Announcements

The next regular Arizona Racing Commission meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Building Conference Room 250, 2nd Floor, located at 1110 West Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona.

Adjournment at 10:16 AM